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Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

<u>THE CLAIMS</u>

Independent claim 1 has been amended to recite (instead of the "adding unit") a relating unit configured to create a relation table relating the information files stored in the information storage unit to the image files stored in the image storage unit. Independent claim 7 has been amended to recite creating a relation table relating the obtained information file to a picked up image file. Independent claim 13 has been amended to clarify that when the image recording unit records the image data file, the image recording unit creates a relation table relating the image data file to the information file, which is obtained from the server unit by the image recording unit through the network based on an address of the information file (the address being set by a user in advance). And claim 16 has been amended to recite that the image recording unit records the transferred information files and creates a relation table relating the recorded image data files and the recorded information files.

The amendments to the independent claims are fully supported by the disclosure in the specification at, for example, pages 29-31. See also, for example, Fig. 20.

Claims 4, 5 and 9-12, moreover, have been amended to better accord with their respective amended parent claims.

No new matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that the amendments to the claims be approved and entered.

The structure of each of amended independent claims 1, 13 and 16, and the method of amended independent claim 7, enables the information files related to the image files to be read easily based on the relation table.

It is respectfully submitted that the cited references, taken singly or in combination, do not disclose, teach or suggest the features of the present invention as recited in any of amended independent claims 1, 7, 13 and 16.

In particular, it is respectfully submitted that according to the primary reference, JP 2000-287184 ("Ihara et al"), a code (global 2D code) corresponding to a program is displayed on a television display unit (see Fig. 1). A CCD video camera of a personal computer is used to pick up and detect the 2D code on the television receiver. According to Ihara et al, the code is supplied to a management server to receive a URL of a home page relating to the television program. Thereby, program-related

information is obtained and displayed by the personal computer by accessing a WWW server corresponding to the URL.

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that Ihara et al clearly does not disclose, teach or suggest, creating a relation table in the manner of amended independent claims 1, 7, 13 and 16.

And it is respectfully submitted that none of the other cited references are any more pertinent to amended independent claims 1, 7, 13 and 16.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claims 1, 7, 13 and 16, as well as each of claims 2 and 4-5, 8-12, 14-15 and 17-19 respectively depending therefrom, all clearly patentably distinguish over Ihara et al, taken singly or in combination with any of the other prior art references of record, under 35 USC 102 as well as under 35 USC 103.

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In view of the foregoing, entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

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